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Photo Contest Winners Announced

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce the winners of the Fifth Annual National Library Week 'Day in the Life of South Carolina Libraries' photo contest. During the days of April 10-16, South Carolina library staff members submitted a wide range of photographs of librarians working, teaching patrons, library events, and in some cases, just having fun doing what they love. Library staff members from all types of libraries were encouraged to submit photos that captured the essence of South Carolina libraries and librarianship. Winners will also be recognized on the South Carolina State Library's web site and during the 2011 SCLA Annual Conference, October 19-21, 2011, in Charleston.

Judging criteria was based on composition, quality, subject, lighting, creativity, and the ability to capture the spirit of South Carolina libraries. A total of eleven photos were selected winners along with honorable mentions in five main categories. Main categories were Librarians Helping Patrons, Librarians as Technology Gurus, Library Events/Programs, Most Humorous, and Best Overall. The State Library congratulates the winners and thanks everyone who participated in the contest. All of the contest photos are available at the NLW Day in the Life of SC Libraries Flickr group located at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/nlw2011/>.



1st Place Library Staff Helping Patrons: Resume and Cover Letter Editing Help Session.
Charleston County Public Library



Library Staff Helping Patrons Honorable Mention: So That's How You Use DISCUS! Sumter County Library



1st Place Librarians as Technology Gurus: We are eReady and we want you to be too! Susan Lyon prepares a video on how to download FREE digital media to your iPad, iPod, Nook and more! Richland County Public Library



1st Place Most Humorous: After 20 years, Tax Season has Finally Gotten the Best of Her. Sumter County Library



Most Humorous Honorable Mention: Anger Management. Charleston County Library



1st Place Library Events/Programs: 3-2-1- Read-A-Thon featuring SC Author Dinah Johnson. John's Island Regional Library



Library Events/Programs Honorable Mention: Thursday Morning Book Club. York County Library



Best Overall: Helen Walker of the Greenville County Library



Best Overall Honorable Mention: Having fun at the Marion County Library



Best Overall Honorable Mention: Mattie Thompson-Long of the Greenville County Library



Best Overall Honorable Mention: A young patron and Oliva have fun playing computer games in the Children's Department at the Charleston County Public Library